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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 1 – Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

The FHWA has completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the SACOG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 1, 2005. SACOG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 1 - 2005 on January 20, 2005, approving these program modifications and affirming that no new emissions modeling was required for this amendment because Sutter County projects were found to conform as part of a previous regional emissions analysis (see 40 CFR 93.122 (g) for the Yuba-Sutter Air Basin, and all other projects within the Sacramento Air Basin were determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add or modify various projects from various funding programs in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter and Yolo counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Federal Demonstration Program, Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs.

The federal agencies note that SACOG has asked Caltrans to exclude "Folsom Railroad Block Phase 1" (MPO ID: SAC24070) and "Walton Avenue Widening" (MPO ID: SUT10241) from this amendment, and that these projects were not approved by Caltrans as part of this amendment. The FHWA and the FTA also exclude these projects from our approval action. With the Walton Avenue Widening project excluded from this approval, all projects included in this amendment are types exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed.

With the exclusions noted above, we accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app.

§1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the SACOG FTIP by this amendment are for project types found within Table 2 & 3 – Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127, and are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the SACOG's FTIP Amendment No. 1 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Jerome Wiggins of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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